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Vancouver, BC – Making a difference close to home has always been a key commitment at Ipsos. After a year of fundraising activities — which raised a total of \$14,000 — Ipsos is proud to be able to give back to the community by donating the funds to four locally-minded charities.

Ipsos employees volunteered their time and efforts by participating in a number of creative events, such as bake sales, auctions, raffles, bingo, and a chili cook-off, to name but a few. The event that raised the highest funds was the silent auction, where staff showcased their talents for fellow employees to bid on, including tickets to a Canucks game and complimentary coffee delivery. This year also marked the first year of GivingTuesday, an initiative that Ipsos helped start, which is a designated day for giving back to the community.

"Being good corporate citizens has always been a part of our ethos. And just one way we are fulfilling this is through a deep commitment to the Canadian charitable sector," says Michael Rodenburgh, Executive Vice President of Ipsos in Western Canada. "The results are incredible. These activities play a part in empowering those less fortunate, and also give our team an opportunity to connect and have some fun."

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The four charities chosen for the 2013 fundraising period include:

- **BC Children's Hospital Foundation** an organization that supports specialized and expert care for the province's most seriously ill or injured children.
- **BC SPCA** a society dedicated to protecting and enhancing the quality of life for domestic, farm and wild animals in British Columbia.
- **Covenant House Vancouver** a service for young people between the ages of 16 and 24 who either have willingly fled physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse or those who have been forced from their homes.
- Women Against Violence Against Women an organization that provides sexual assault support services to women 14+ years in Greater Vancouver.

Funds raised were done so through the Ipsos Charity Trust, a charitable giving initiative set up by Ipsos in Canada to fund worthwhile causes in local communities. This year-round fundraising program is supported by the company and employees in each office across the country through a series of activities.

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